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REMARKS

All of the rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, with the expectation that allowance of the rejected subject matter will be sought by way of a continuation application.

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3)

The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to treat this or any future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.17 to deposit account 14-1190.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments canceling all of the rejected claims, a formal Notice of Allowance with respect to allowed claims 18-24, 31 and 32 is courteously solicited.

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